Home Visiting Program



New Hampshire

Home Visiting New Hampshire - Healthy Families America is funded in part through federal investments from the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program (Home Visiting Program), and provides voluntary, evidence-based home visiting services to at-risk pregnant women and parents with young children.

The Home Visiting Program, which builds upon decades of scientific research, provides voluntary, culturally-appropriate, individually-tailored supports to families in their homes, including providing information about children's health, development, and safety, and when appropriate, referrals to support services.

Through federal grants from the Home Visiting Program, in fiscal year 2014, home visitors in New Hampshire:

- Made 3,787 home visits to 441 parents and children in 212 families
- Enrolled 237 new parents and children to the program
- Served families living in communities in 10 counties across the state, or 100% of New Hampshire counties

The Home Visiting Program in New Hampshire:

 Has developed a state level strategic plan for early childhood in collaboration with cross-sector partners

Like all Home Visiting Program grantees, New Hampshire uses evidence-based home visiting models that are proven to improve child health and to be cost effective. New Hampshire leverages federal funds to implement the following models to serve children and families across the state:

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Counties with home visiting services funded by federal grants from the Home Visiting Program (as of February 2015)*:



*Belknap, Carroll, Cheshire, Coos, Grafton, Hillsborough, Merrimack, Rockingham, Strafford, Sullivan More about New Hampshire:

<u>Home Visiting New Hampshire</u>
- <u>Healthy Families America</u>

National Survey of Children's Health 2011/2012 New Hampshire Profile

Maternal & Child Health
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The Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program is administered by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) in close partnership with the Administration for Children and Families (ACF). The Program supports at-risk pregnant women and families, and helps parents of children from birth to kindergarten entry tap the resources and hone the skills they need to raise children who are physically, socially, and emotionally healthy and ready to learn.

Research shows that home visits by a nurse, social worker, early childhood educator, or other trained professional during pregnancy and in the first years of life improve maternal and child health, prevent child abuse and neglect, increase positive parenting, and enhance child development and school readiness.